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Appln. Ser. No.:	Filed:	Inventor(s):	Atty Dkt:
09/543,951	6 April 2000	W. Dalton	1633-015A
Title: Improved Brush Seal Designs for Turbines and Similar Rotary Apparatus			
Examiner: M. Rogers			Art Unit: 3677

PETITION TO ACCELERATE EXAMINATION UNDER § 1.102(c)

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, your Petitioner, the joint inventor William Dalton, respectfully requests that the examination of this application, presently on appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals & Interfereneces, be accelerated due to the applicant's age, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c).

Attached hereto is a Declaration by the Applicant attesting to his age, as well as copy of his Massachusetts' driver's license, showing his date of birth as 12-16-38, making him now 65 years of age.

Pursuant to the provisions of § 1.102(c), no fee is due for this petition.

Attendance to this petition, and early action on the merits of this application and the appeal of the final rejections, are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

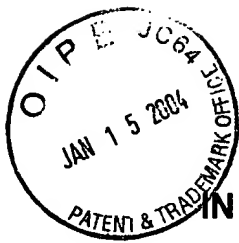
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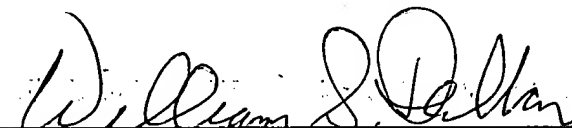
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Verified Statement Accompanying Petition to Make Special

Dear Sir:

In connection with the Petition to make special for reason of the applicant's age, which Petition is submitted herewith for the subject application, I hereby declare as follows:


1. My name is William S. Dalton, a joint inventor of this patent application.
2. Attached hereto is a true copy of my driver's license.
3. I hereby state that I was born December 16, 1938, making my present age 65 years.
4. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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